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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF NATION
ADDRESS

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF UNION ADDRESS WAS TREATED
PROMINENTLY IN ROK PRESS JANUARY 13-14, PARTICULARLY PART WHICH
URGED CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN STRONG MILITARY
POSTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT FORD'S THIRD AND LAST STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH
OF JANUARY 12 MADE FRONT PAGES OF ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS JANUARY
13 (INCLUDING HEADLINES IN TONGA ILBO AND SINA ILBO) AND RECEIVED
PROMINENT INSIDE COVERAGE IN MORNING PAPERS JANUARY 14. NEWS
ARTICLES FEATURED FORD'S STATEMENT THAT "WE...CONFIRMED OUR
DEDICATION TO THE SECURITY OF KOREA." EDITORIALS APPEARED 1/14
IN HAN'GUK ILBO, TONGA AND SINA ILBO.

2. EDITORIALS NOTED THAT ADDRESS WAS IN A NATURE OF A FAREWELL
AND THUS EMPHASIZED ADVICE TO INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION,
RATHER THAN DOMESTIC CONCERNS. HAN'GUK ILBO COMMENTED THAT PRESI-
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DENT FORD SERVED US WELL IN DIFFICULT TIME AND CONTRIBUTED
TO RESTORATION OF WHITE HOUSE CREDIBILITY. SINA ILBO NOTED HIS
ADVICE TO REPUBLICANS TO COOPERATE WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION
ON DEFENSE AND DIPLOMACY AND HIS CRITICISM OF CONGRESSIONAL
INTERFERENCE IN DIPLOMACY. THEME MOST EMPHASIZED BY EDITORIAL
COMMENT, HOWEVER, WAS FORD'S APPEAL TO NEXT ADMINISTRATION TO
MAINTAIN A STRONG DEFENSE. TONGA ILBO'S EDITORIAL EXPRESSED

CONSENSUS IN CONCLUDING, "WE URGE US NOT TO PERMIT SOVIET
UNION TO BECOME MILITARILY SUPERIOR."
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